

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/392,106	PHILLIPS ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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1.  This communication is responsive to 7-26-05.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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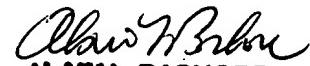
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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
**ALAIN L. BASHORE**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-30 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention includes independent claims 1, 15, 23, 24. Claims 1 and 15 recites a method utilizing a computer to predict a value of a target variable based on predictions of other variables, claim 23 recites a computer-readable medium encoded with computer-executable process steps for predicting a value of a target based on predictions of other variables, and claim 24 recites an apparatus for predicting a value of a target variable based on predictions of other variables.

White, Jr. (6,088,676) is considered the closest prior art. White, Jr. teaches obtaining historical values for the target variable at each of plural time points (col 7, lines 12-30). Values are assigned to parameters of a forecasting model to obtain plural predictor variables to the historical values (col 7, lines 50-55). A value is predicted, from currently predicted values for at least a subset of the plural predictor variables using the forecasting model and the values assigned to the parameters of the forecasting model (col 10, lines 7-19). The variable is a measure of a value of a financial asset (col 7, lines 35-49).

White, Jr. does not disclose as claimed in claims 1, 23 and 24:

- (i) generating a forecasting model by fitting a first set of predicted values for plural baseline variables to historically realized values for a target variable; and
- (ii) generating a predicted value for the target variable from a second set of predicted values for at least a subset of the plural baseline variables using that forecasting model.

White, Jr. does not disclose as claimed in claim 15:

- (i) identifying a subset of plural baseline variables whose first set of predicted values provide a best fit to historically realized values for a target variable; and
- (ii) generating a predicted value for the target variable from a second set of predicted values for the identified subset of the plural baseline variables.

For these reasons claims 1, 15, 23, 24 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 2-14, 16-22, 25-30 are allowable by dependency.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alain L. Bashore whose telephone number is 571-272-6739. The examiner can normally be reached on about 7:30 am to 5:00 pm (Mon. thru Thurs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Regarding all Class 705 applications, the management contact regarding examination is: Vincent Millin (SPE, art unit 3624) at 571-272-6747.

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